Miss Zandra Williams, a junior at Appomattox County High School, was crowned Miss FHA-HERO of the Campbell-Appomattox FHA-HERO Federation on November 20, 1978.

Zandra was the winner of a preliminary contest held at Appomattox High School. In that contest Miss Susan Dillard placed second and Miss Rebecca Moss placed third.

Each contestant raised money for the contest and the contestant with the largest amount of money was crowned Miss FHA-HERO.

The Appomattox County High School Hero Club awarded Zandra a $25 savings bond at their December meeting also at that meeting Miss Dillard was awarded a $10 gift certificate and Miss Moss was awarded $5.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Loretta Williams of Appomattox, Va.

Crystal Mays

ACHS HERO STUDENT OF MONTH

The Appomattox County High School HERO student of the month has been active in the HERO Club for five years. Her activities during the past years consisted of participation in the fair. She modeled in the fashion show, she went with the HERO Club to the primary school for the Halloween show. She was the hostess at the FHA-HERO Federation meeting. She now serves as 78-79 HERO Club president. The ACHS HERO "Student of the Month" is Miss Crystal Mays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mays, Sr.

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Get in the Christmas Spirit!

By Cheryl Adams

Tired of the push and shove of the Christmas rush, or just can't seem to get into the Christmas spirit? If your answer to these questions is either yes or no, you're in luck, for on Thursday night, Dec. 14, the Appomattox County Choral Department will be presenting a selection of sacred and secular Christmas music, which is the result of many weeks of practicing and preparation.

With so many different types of music, everyone is bound to feel the Christmas spirit in their own way. Whether it's the soothing, West-Indies beat of "The Calypso Noel" that slows down The Big Rush or the beautiful "O Holy Night" which helps us to remember Christmas in its original meaning, or simply the cheery sound of "Jingle Bells" (which is a guarantee in itself to get even the worst "Scrooge" in the Christmas spirit).

The entire Choral Department including the Appomattox Middle Chorus, the Appomattox County High School Chorus, Concert Choir and Madrigal, under the talents and direction of Miss Teresa Quensenberry, will give their performance on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium.

There is no admission charge, for the Choral Department wishes only to share with the community what they believe to be the celebration of Christmas.

So don't let your spirits fall! Deck the halls, pull out the tinsel and practice your "Ho Ho Ho's" and "Silent Night"!

Moreover, be prepared for the Appomattox Choral Department will knock you off your feet with a huge dose of Christmas!

Toys Can Pose Threat To Eyes, Parents Warned

Making out your Christmas/Hanukkah gift list? Well, when shopping for children's gifts keep a few sobering facts in mind. Toys caused approximately 7,760 eye injuries last year, and 80 percent of these were suffered by children 14 years old and younger. The eyes of another 12,950 youngsters under 15 were injured by sports and recreational equipment.

"Accidents do happen, but 90 percent of the injuries can be avoided," stressed David W. MacMillan, M.D., President of the Virginia Society to Prevent Blindness (VSPB). "Parents can help prevent eye injuries - - and in some cases the loss of an eye - - by not buying 'weapons' for their children and by watching them at play."

Toys are meant to be fun and most of them are, but weapons and projectile toys have a built-in threat to eyes and cannot be made "Childproof." Parents should recognize that buying one of these kinds of gifts is literally purchasing "an accident waiting to happen." The injury estimates cited above are compiled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on the basis of reports from hospital emergency rooms. A look at CPSC 1977 figures for projectile toys illustrates the point:

*BB guns, air rifles and other gas, air or spring-operated guns caused some 1,150 eye injuries with 60 percent of them suffered by children under 15.

*Slingshots and other slingpropelled toys caused 426 injuries, three-quarters of them affecting the eye.

*Darts and dart games caused 422 eye injuries, with 75 percent of them happening to those under 15.

The statistics demonstrate that certain toys are inherently dangerous. However, many eye injuries are caused by other toys and games which aren't usually considered eye-threatening.

In some cases the problem is that the child is too young to handle the toy. Even crayons, paint and chalk sets have caused eye injuries, and more than half of them were suffered by infants and toddlers. Often, the problem is that youngsters begin to roughhouse and accidentally hurt themselves or their playmates.

"Three-quarters of the eye accidents happening to children at play occur while they are unsupervised," noted Dr. MacMillan. "It's very important that parents play with their children and watch them use their toys. Do they take a 'safe' toys and make it unsafe - - for instance, by pulling rubber tips off darts? Does the child know how to use the toy? When safety risks are pointed out, does the child understand and avoid them? Do older children keep their more sophisticated toys out of reach of younger brothers and sisters?"

As children get older and begin playing sports, it's still important for parents to be concerned about how safely their child plays. In games such as football, baseball or hockey, proper equipment is the obvious answer to injuries. Youngsters should be encouraged to wear protective headgear while playing in the back yard as well as on the field with their team. Hockey helmets featuring a face guard made of wire mesh or clear plastic will ward off pucks and sticks whether the game is played in the street on roller skates, on grass as field hockey, in the gym as floor hockey or on ice like the pros.

Parents of children who wear glasses can have safety lenses mounted in a sturdy athletic frame. If the lenses and frames satisfy the requirements of the American National Standards Institute Z.87 safety eyewear standard, they will withstand blows which might easily shatter ordinary streetwear eyeglasses.

"The best gifts this or any other year are those which will help children have fun and expand their knowledge, but without endangering themselves - - particularly their eyesight," advised Dr. MacMillan.

Lucky Clover 4-H Club

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on December 4, 1978.

Janis Richardson opened the meeting with pledges to the American and 4-H flags. Jennifer Inge gave the treasurer's report. Then Mizi Baldwin gave the secretary's report.

Mr. Sweet gave a report on the Bike-A-Thon we had for the American Cancer Society.

He also talked about Share-the-Fun, soils team and meats team.

We were told that pine seedling forms will be available soon.

Feed patches will be judged soon.

The club will earn points for the work and participation the club does each month. The club with the most points will be recognized.

Our club bought canned goods to make up Christmas baskets.

We were encouraged to do our achievement records.

Our program for the month was about Christmas Safety - What we Should and Should Not do. This was presented by Miss Lonnette Marsh.

Members present were Janis Richardson, Jennifer Inge, Mitzi Baldwin, Angie Murray, Glenn McClenny, Jim Hix and Dale Glover.

Refreshments were served by Janis and Angie.

Dale Glover, Reporter

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